DEC-15-2005 14:05 513 241 6234 513 241 6234 F.11

## REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the final Office Action dated September 20, 2005, within the three month period for response. Moreover, this paper accompanies a Notice of Appeal of the Examiner's rejections, and merely presents amendments to place the claims in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, consideration of these amendments after final is appropriate, and respectfully requested.

In particular, claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration of the claims, and Applicant has accordingly amended the claim to incorporate the term "member" into element (b) of the claim. From a review of the remainder of the claim, and of the similar amendments previously made to the other independent claims, it should be apparent that the term "member" was inadvertently omitted from claim 22 in Applicant's prior response.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration and approval of the amendment to claim 22, and withdrawal of the §112 rejection.

As to the Examiner's other rejection, rejecting all claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,138,251 to Murphy et al., Applicant maintains the traversal of this rejection. This rejection will be addressed on appeal.

In summary, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits

Page 9 of 10
Serial No. 09/732,189
Amendment After Final dated December 15, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2005
IBM Docket ROCS/20000125USI
WH&E IBM/151
Kubm/151Vamendment After Final upd

are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

15 DEE 2005

Date

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Stinebruner

Reg. No. 38,323

WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.

2700 Carew Tower 441 Vine Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Telephone: (513) 241-2324 Facsimile: (513) 241-6234

Page 10 of 10
Serial No. 09/732,189
Amendment After Final dated December 15, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2005
IBM Docket ROC920000125US1
WH&E IBM/151
K\u00fchen IbM/151
K\u00fchen IbM/151